

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Kyle, Michael J. Group Art Unit: 3676



Re: Application of: Taiichi MATSUO
 Serial No.: 09/731,071
 Filed: December 6, 2000
 For: ELECTRONIC SETTLING SYSTEM AND
 ELECTRONIC SETTLING METHOD

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

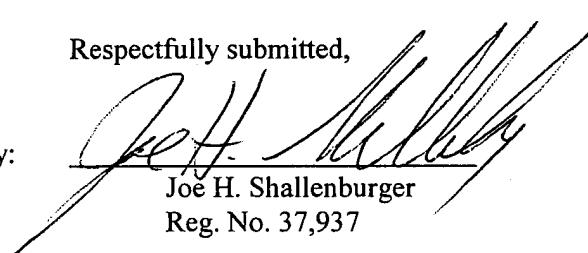
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February 13, 2004

Dear Sir:

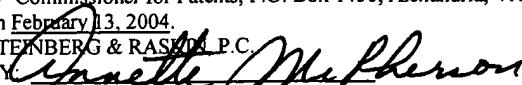
Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patent to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2003 for three months from November 19, 2003 to February 19, 2004.

The extension fee of \$475.00 is submitted herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500518. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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